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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
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RE: Default Service, D.T.E. 04-115

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On December 6, 2004, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued a request for comments on the procurement of default service power supply for residential and small commercial and industrial customers. On January 10, 2005, the Attorney General filed his comments in response to the Department's five points of inquiry, as did numerous other interested parties. Pursuant to the Department's notice, the Attorney General submits this letter as his reply comments.

This proceeding represents one in a series of Department investigations focused on default service. *Pricing and Procurement of Default Service*, D.T.E. 99-60 (1999); *Metering and Billing*, D.T.E. 01-28 (2001); *Competitive Market Initiatives*, D.T.E. 01-54 (2001); *Provision of Default Service*, D.T.E. 02-40 (2002). On January 10, 2005, the Attorney General submitted comments on default service *See generally* D.T.E. 02-40. The Attorney General will not burden the record with duplicative observations, and instead reserves the right to file additional comments after review of the reply comments of the other parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Service List for D.T.E. 02-40